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SUBJECT: SYRIAN-PLO JOINT COMMAND

WE HAVE FOUND UNIVERSAL APPROVAL AMONG LOCAL ARAB LEADERS WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED JOINT COMMAND PROPOSAL. ALL BELIEVE IT WILL STRENGTHEN PALESTINIANS AND HELP ASSURE THEIR CAUSE IS NOT LEFT BY WAYSIDE (AS THEY FEARED SADAT INTENDED TO DO). SOME, NABLUS NOTABLE HIKMAT EL MASRI FOR EXAMPLE, ARGUE THAT SYRIAN RELUCTANCE TO COUNTENANCE TERRORISM WILL GIVE ARAFAT EXCUSE TO KEEP HIS EXTREMISTS IN LINE. HE ALSO THOUGHT, AS HAVEHPHERS, THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO ACCEPT REASONABLE SETTLEMENT IF IT WERE NEGOTIATED ON THEIR BEHALF BY SYRIA WITHOUT THEIR HAVING TO SIGN IT THEMSELVES. THIS REFLECTS COMMONLY HEARD VIEW THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO SIGN AWAY LAND IN PRE-1967 ISRAEL. EL MASRI ADDED HE HOPED EGYPT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE ASSOCIATED WITH JOINT COMMAND.

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